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## Triumphant finish for AIFF 2011



All those behind the success of the AIFF

The final night of the Aruba International Film Festival ended with a warm show of camaraderie for all those who contributed to this exciting and success second edition, from producers to volunteers and security guards, who were called onto the main stage of the

Plaza Padu in Paseo Herencia to receive a well deserve round of applause.

Six days of over 65 films of a truly international nature, as well as programs to engage islanders in the event and encourage them as filmmakers, came to an end on Thursday

evening, June 16, with a screening of the quirky comedy, "The Guard" as a final Red Carpet Event and a spectacular farewell party around the pool deck of the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa.

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## MAMBO makes Father's Day gift shopping a treat!



ORANJESTAD – The association of main street merchants – MAMBO – announces with great pleasure its activity for today in honor of Father's Day. As customary, there will be the much acclaimed sidewalk sale, where most businesses on the Caya Betico Croes will have tents in front of their premises filled with goods and beautiful choices for Father's day gifts at bargain prices.

The main street will be

closed for traffic until 8:00 p.m.

One of the main attractions, especially for all Dads present, is the Classic Car Show by Classic Car Club Aruba (CCCA). There will be two displays, one at 2:00 p.m. in front of Aruba Trading and at 4:00 p.m. they will depart from there for a tour of Oranjestad, re-entering the main street, to park by Djiespie's Place until 6:00 p.m.

Musical groups "Tico y su estrellas," and "Tipico los Amigos" will provided entertainment throughout the day. During the Classic Car Club show the members will unveil their new uniforms. MAMBO invites the entire community to have great day while finding that special gift for the King of the House; be sure to bring Dad along as he is sure to enjoy the classic car show!

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By: Roland W. Peterson





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## UN rights council passes 'historic' gay rights bill

GENEVA, Switzerland (AFP) – The UN Human Rights Council passed a historic resolution yesterday that seeks equal rights for everyone regardless of their sexual orientation, marking progress for gay rights despite strong Arab and African opposition.

The resolution was passed narrowly with 23 votes in favour, 19 against and three abstentions, after an emotional debate that saw African states accusing South Africa of breaking ranks with the region and siding with the West after it introduced the issue.

Presenting the text, South Africa's ambassador Jerry Matthews Matjila said that "no one should be subject to discrimination or violence due to sexual orientation or gender identity."

It also stressed that the resolution "does not seek to im-

pose values on states, but seeks to initiate dialogue" on the issue.

However, Arab and African states were strongly opposed, with countries of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference demanding a vote.

"OIC states are deeply concerned by the ... resolution that intends to discuss very controversial notions that are on sexual orientation," said Pakistan on behalf of the OIC.

The OIC is "seriously concerned at the attempt to introduce to the UN some notion that has no legal foundations in any international human rights instruments."

"We are even more disturbed on the attempt to focus on certain persons on the grounds of their sexual interest and behaviour," the bloc added.

Nigeria, speaking on behalf of the African group, meanwhile attacked South Africa for its stance.

Nigeria's envoy Osita-dinma Anaedu said that by taking the issue forward without obtaining consensus with the rest of African states, South Africa was "breaking the tradition of African group."

But yesterday's move was hailed as historic by other states including Argentina and the United States as well as by rights activists.

Ahead of the vote, Amnesty International's UN representative Peter Splinter told AFP that the resolution was "very significant to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in their struggle towards the full enjoyment of their human rights that such violations of their human rights are recognised at this high level."

Homosexuality is still illegal in 76 countries, according to Amnesty.

## Census Bureau to open every Saturday morning for particular services

ORANJESTAD – The government issues an official statement that as of today, June 18, until June 30, the Census Bureau will be open to the public in the morning hours from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Services offered during these special hours are passport petitions and delivery and

to obtain the necessary document for students to go to school or abroad for their further studies.

For all other services citizens must go to the Census Bureau during normal office hours.

The additional service is because of the approaching

summer vacation when youth have to register for school on Aruba and many students will go abroad for their studies.

Staff and personnel of the Census Bureau kindly ask everyone to take good notice of this and to NOT come to the Census Bureau on Saturdays for other services.

## Another Successful Town Hall Meeting!

ORANJESTAD -- On Wednesday evening another Town Hall Meeting was held, this time at the Centro di Barrio Playa Pabao. Ministers Benny Sievinger, Otmar Oduber and Mike de Meza were in attendance. Over 400 hundred persons were registered with many more unregistered. Citizens of the barrio came together to exchange ideas and thoughts with the ministers of government, and to raise important questions, and to voice their concerns.

The Ministers responded to many questions related to the barrio, as well as issues relating to their particular ministry. Minister Sievinger responded to questions concerning the law of expulsion, the issuing of land and government housing. There were



those who complained about the lack of sufficient illumination on certain streets and of the problems they face when rain falls.

The minister carefully explained the details of the laws regarding expulsion, issuing of land, and what is required to be eligible for government housing. He also explained that the Bo Barrio project will improve different things in the barrios across the island.

The matter of unemployment was also a concern for

many of the participants. He explained the new role of the Job Center and how they are working to help as many people as possible to find suitable employment.

The evening was a success in every sense and it is obvious that this concept of meetings in the barrios is well received by all. Shortly they will announce where and when the next Town Hall Meeting will take place. Plan to be there your self.

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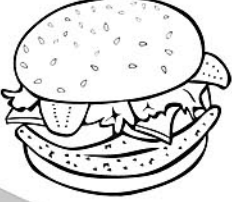
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## PFTSA reminds employer and employees of new compulsorily supplemental pension fund law

Sanaa Baroud, Executive Director of the Pension Fund of Tourism Sector Aruba, PFTSA, was joined by board member Ton Kolman in reminding company owners and their employees of the recently

passed legislation requiring all employees to be part of a pension fund that will provide supplemental income beyond the national social security plan, when they reach retirement age of 60.

The law goes into effect on January 1, 2012, and employers have this time to investigate various supplemental pension plans on the island, urging them to investigate the advantage of joining the 25



**PFTSA Executive Director Sanaa Baroud and board member Ton Kolman**

companies and over 2,200 employees that subscribe to their program.

"PFTSA was founded in 1992 on the initiative of AHATA and the FTA, as they both shared the same vision for the need to create a pension plan which would provide workers in the tourism industry with additional income after retirement on top of the general old age pension provided by the government," explained Ms. Baroud. "However, we are not limited to only the tourism sector in the companies that can subscribe to our plan."

The regulatory body for the pension fund industry is the Central Bank of Aruba. PFTSA is a foundation pension fund as described in the State Ordinance for Company Pension Funds SOCPF (in Dutch; Landsverordening Ondernemingspensioenfondsden LOP). The SOCPF rules over the character, contents, regulation, reporting and form of pension funds, with its main objective to protect the participant's interests.


PFTSA is ruled by a board consisting of an equal amount of representatives of employers participants. The board includes an impartial chairman, which at present is Jossy Lacle, former Director of W.E.B.

Participants in the PFTSA pension plan receive a dedicated password to access online full and timely information of their account. The monthly contribution is flexible, with a minimum of 6%; 3 % deducted from the employee's pay, the other 3% the company's contribution. The employee can elect for an optional contribution of 9% maximum, and a 2% retroactive contribution, all contributions are non-taxable. Upon reaching retirement age, participants can elect to take their pension as a lump sum, or to have in paid in increments of their choosing. Individuals cannot subscribe to the PFTSA; their employers must join as a company, however, a registered company can consist of only 1 or 2 people.

PFTSA participants are also eligible to apply for a low-interest rate mortgages, (7.5%) one of the investment programs of the fund, which only participates in very secure and non-speculative investments, such as government bonds, time deposits, and construction.

For full information about the PFTSA, interested parties can visit their office at Caya Ernesto Petronia 64, or call 582-4499 or e-mail [info@pftsa.com](mailto:info@pftsa.com).

*by Rosalie Klein*



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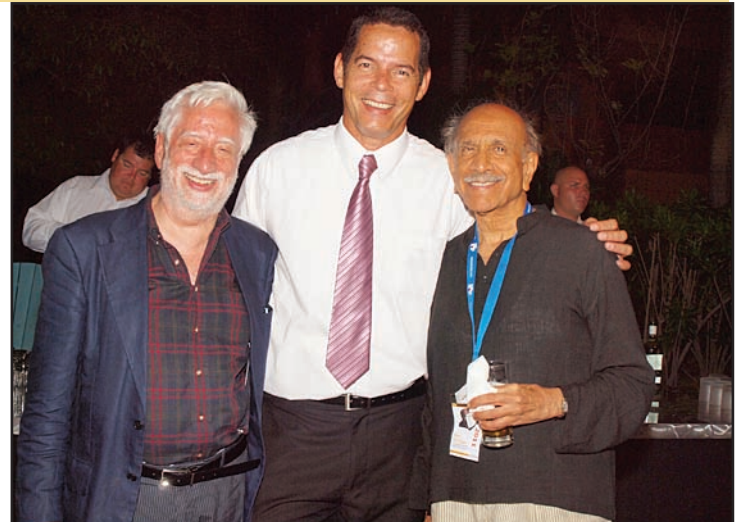
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Guests were also treated to having their pictures taken with fantasy figures assisting in the launching of the revamped Aruba Experience Magazine by its new owner, Susan Ruiter, co-sponsor of the event, which added that extra touch of glitter to a sparkling party.

AIFF co-producers Jonathan Vieira and Giuseppe Cioccarelli expressed their heartfelt gratitude to all those who dedicated their time and interest in this second successful edition. Visiting journalists who are veteran film festival attendees described it as "in the infant stages, but a marvelous event that sincerely attempts to involve the local population in the activities like none we have seen before. After only the first festival last year, it already had the film industry buzzing; producers have brought together an excellent mix of films to which the people of Aruba would normally never have access. We all hope it continues to grow and enjoys the support of the Aruban government; we believe in its potential to become a major film festival."

by Rosalie Klein



96 hours instructor Darrell Wilson and film student Chibi van der Hans



Susan Ruiter of Aruba Experience and fantasy figure



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The new Kia Picanto automobile has arrived and is already to be seen on our streets. The Kia Picanto is not an unknown model for Aruba, it has for years been a favorite among many motorists. The new Kia Picanto comes with a totally new design.

Auto Bild in Germany has recently named the Kia Picanto the winner in comparison to other small vehicles. Auto Bild is a German magazine for auto enthusiasts read by over 3 million in Germany alone and across Europe every week. There are

33 publications of Auto Bild around the world and is considered the most respected magazine regarding vehicle evaluation. Vehicles are submitted to some of the most rigorous tests. The results of these tests are then published in Auto Bild. The new Kia Picanto won over 5 models in the competition. Important factors considered were: the body, drive-train, driving dynamics, comfort and running costs. The new Kia Picanto excelled in its body, comfort and driving dynamics, which placed it along with its 5 year guarantee in first place in the competition.

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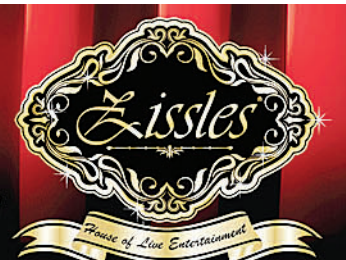
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## Sci-Tech

# Gamers gripping handheld controls



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) — Even though motion-sensing videogame controllers are all the rage, sometimes a player prefers a Batarang for bashing bad guys.

Accessory titan Power A is seeing keen interest in a console controller it designed similar to a throwing weapon in the arsenal of DC Comics crime fighter Batman even though it doesn't hit the market until later this year.

Batarang controllers timed to hit with the release later this year of a sequel to Warner Brothers blockbuster Batman videogame will join a strong-selling array of accessories are created by the US-based firm.

"I don't see videogames ever going to a point where people aren't going to want to pick up a controller and shoot and punch and do things of that nature," Power A divisional vice president of product development John Moore told AFP.

"I don't think they are going away... They are here to stay."

Nintendo is credited with opening the world of videogames to moms, seniors and other "casual gamers" with the launch of the Wii console in 2006.

Microsoft built on the trend last year by adding gesture and voice controls to Xbox 360 consoles with Kinect, and Sony released a motion-sensing Move accessory for PlayStation 3 (PS3).

Motion controls are a hit, with millions of Kinect and Move devices being snapped up by a broadening audience of gamers.

Many of those "casual" players will be lured to titles calling for toggles, buttons and other features on traditional controllers, according

to Moore.

"Kinect is awesome because it brought people into gaming who wouldn't necessarily consider gaming before," Moore said.

And as consoles get more sophisticated, and multi-player games more popular, the number of people playing simultaneously should climb -- driving up the demand for controllers.

With tens of millions of consoles in homes around the world, the market for replacement, spare or vanity controllers is enticing for makers of videogame accessories.

"The controller market is absolutely huge," Moore said.

Power A makes miniature controllers; versions of the gadgets based on Lego videogames, and even models with built in fans to cool hands grown hot from hours of playing intense shooter titles such as "Call of Duty."

The Batarang controller sprang from a relationship with Warner Brothers, and Moore's love of the first Batman videogame, which he admitted to playing through several times.

Washington state-based Power A was among myriad accessory makers showing off new creations and forming alliances at a recent Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles.

Plantronics and Turtle Beach were in the ranks of companies that showcased headsets that immerse players in rich sound while allowing them to chat with opponents or allies in online games.

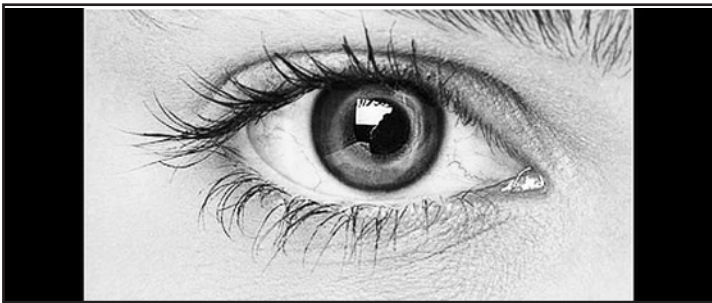
Turtle Beach billed its new Ear Force PX5 model priced at \$250 as the most advanced headset for Xbox 360 or PS3 consoles.

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# First patients enroll in US stem cell trials on blindness



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The first clinical trials that examine the use of stem cells to treat two forms of blindness are ready to begin now that patients have been enrolled, a US company announced on Thursday.

A total of 24 patients have entered two separate trials at an eye institute in California, said representatives from the Massachusetts-based Advanced Cell Technology.

ACT was cleared by the US Food and Drug Administration several months ago to begin clinical trials of human embryonic stem cells to treat a form of juvenile blindness known as Stargardt's disease and dry age-related macular degeneration.

Now that patients have been enrolled, the trials will

begin "in the very near future," a company spokeswoman said.

The trials aim to check the safety of the treatment before moving on to see whether the therapy can help stop vision loss.

"These trials mark a significant step toward addressing what is one of the largest unmet medical needs of our time, treatments for otherwise untreatable and common forms of legal blindness," said lead investigator Steven Schwartz at University of California Los Angeles Jules Stein Eye Institute.

Dry age-related macular degeneration is the most com-

mon form of irreversible vision loss in people over age 55.

There is currently no cure for the disease, which affects around 10-15 million Americans and another 10 million people in Europe, the company said.

Stargardt's disease causes blindness by destroying the pigmented layer of the retina, called the retinal pigment epithelium (RPE). After that follows degradation of photoreceptors, which are cells in the retina that detect light.

Patients often experience blurry vision, difficulty seeing in low-light and eventually most lose their ability to see at all. The disease can be inherited by a child when two parents carry the gene mutation that causes it.

The treatment process being tested by ACT worked in animals by creating an abundance of new RPE cells, which are the first cells to die off in Stargardt's and other forms of macular degeneration.

## Cyber crooks



Cyber crooks are avoiding the need for slick software skills by talking their way past computer defenses with old-fashioned telephone calls. Microsoft this past week warned that hackers posing as members of the software titan's support or research teams are calling people to trick them into installing viruses, revealing passwords, or disclosing credit card numbers.

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## Health & Living

# Pfizer anti-smoking drug has heart risks: US



WASHINGTON (AFP) – US regulators said Thursday that the label on Pfizer's anti-smoking drug Chantix must be changed to warn of a slightly higher risk of heart problems in patients who already have cardiovascular disease.

The drug, also known as varenicline, was shown in a clinical trial of 700 smokers to be associated with an elevated risk of heart attack, angina, and clogged arteries in some patients when com-

pared to a placebo.

"The prescribing information for this drug product will be strengthened to inform the public that use of varenicline may be associated with a small, increased risk of certain cardio-

vascular adverse events in patients who have cardiovascular disease," the Food and Drug Administration said.

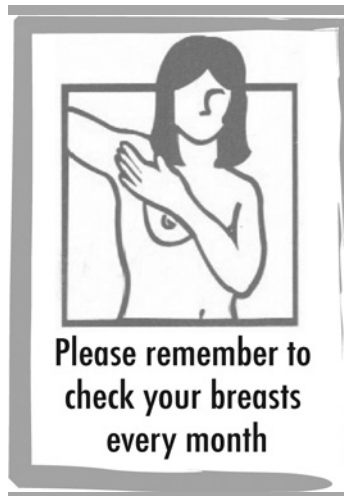
FDA has ordered the drug-maker to "conduct a large, combined analysis (meta-analysis) of randomized, placebo-controlled trials" and will update the public once that is complete.

Earlier this year, some 1,200 plaintiffs in the United States who claim Chantix

causes depression or suicidal thoughts filed lawsuits against Pfizer.

The drug is approved in almost 90 countries around the world and used by some seven million Americans.

If Chantix is found to be dangerous it could be withdrawn from the US market, where sales have suffered since alleged links to depression and suicide mushroomed last year.



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3. Walnuts, almonds and other nuts.

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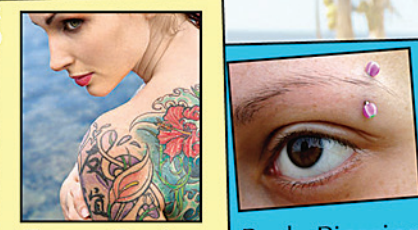
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## Conversations with....Aruba tourism legend Wally Wiggins

### The beginnings....



Pelican Bar at Divi

There are a select few who remember the days when there was not a single resort in the Eagle Beach "Low-rise" area, and when someone told their travel agent they wanted to book a vacation to Aruba, the response was "Where is that???"

This was what NY lawyer Walter J. Wiggins encountered after reading about the island in Frommer's "Caribbean on \$5 per day" and saw an ad stating he could fly to Aruba for only \$135 round-trip from New York; children under 12 half price, under 3 for free. He did a little research, decided it was a great deal, and requested his travel agent to book 2 weeks over the Christmas holidays 1965.

To his great dismay, he discovered just a short while before being due to depart, that his travel agent could find no accommodations for him, hotels were scarce at that time, so had instead arranged for him to vacation in Jamaica, without

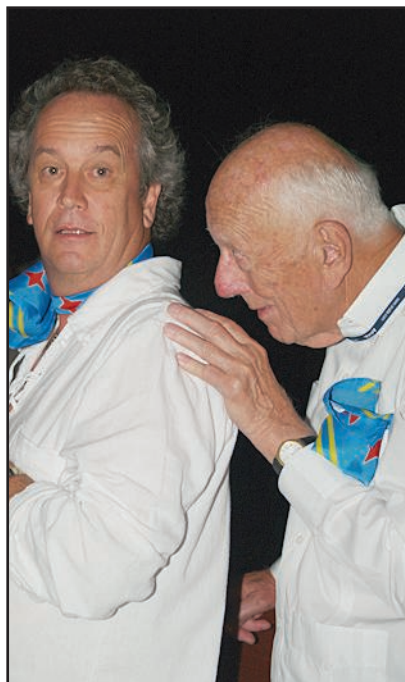
consulting him first.

As history testifies, Wally Wiggins is not a person who readily accepts defeat; he was determined to take his family to Aruba on vacation, so he began investigating on his own how to make it happen. Several phone calls led him to a single representative of the island for the NY area, and from there he discovered that a number of island residents offered visitors a place to stay in their homes, so they may discover "Dushi Aruba," and its hospitable people.

Wally and his family were to stay with Rudy Arends, whose family owned the Exxon station at the end of Oranjestad's main street. "I spoke with him while he was in the U.S., and he readily agreed to take us in as his guests." A midnight flight to Puerto Rico with a now non-existent airline left him, his wife and 4 children to try and make themselves as comfortable as possible while waiting in the

P/R airport for the 8:00 AM KLM flight to Aruba. Was all this worth it? Wally insists "absolutely," as from the moment he landed, he discovered what makes the island so special to all those that have made it their annual vacation destination.

Rudy Arends met the family at the airport, and before taking them to his house, first took them on a tour around the island, proudly showing off his homeland. "I figured we would all be stuck in some attic room somewhere," recalls Wally. "It was a great surprise for us when we finally pulled up to



Wally hiding behind Marcus

this beautiful home with a swimming pool; the kids absolutely loved it." His oldest son, Marcus, who was 12 at the time, eventually made Aruba his permanent home.

After 2 weeks on the island, Wally was determined to build a vacation home on Aruba. "Not many people know how deeply involved I was in the Civil Rights Movement," he explains. "I met with Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King. We were witnessing such terrible things in the US because of race, and here was this paradise where all the colors lived together in perfect harmony. It was important to me that my children could grow up in this environment; I wanted them to live with this

unquestioning attitude of equality among people, no matter their color or creed."

Wally was thrilled to discover the Aruban government would give him a 60 year lease for a piece of land on which he could build a house for only \$100 per year; he found the exact spot he wanted, but was informed that area was reserved for hotels only. "Well, I figured I then better build a hotel. At that time there was only Talk of the Town, Basi Ruti, two tiny places, and the Royal Carib in Palm Beach; if I could get 19 friends to invest, we could put up a 20 room resort, so I came to an agreement with the government of Aruba to do that, with an additional 20 rooms to be added within 5 years.

Wally found his investors and after many frustrations and snafus, he and friends celebrated at their beachfront bar the official opening of the Divi Beach Resort on July 19, 1969, a date he will always remember, because he found everyone had suddenly deserted him to watch the lone TV in the lobby. Astronaut Neil Armstrong was telling the world "One small step for (a) man, one giant leap for mankind;" one cannot help but see the parable with the opening of this one tiny resort that eventually led to 11 resorts on 9 islands...and 6 Divi properties and a major casino on Aruba today, but we are getting ahead of the story.

Wally still maintained his law practice, commuting back and forth between Ithaca, N.Y. and Aruba "whenever there was a crisis." While the hotel was under construction, he decided he better learn something about the hospitality business, and fortunately, he had the top hotel school in the U.S., Cornell University, close by, so he took some courses. "The first thing I learned was if you build a hotel with 20 rooms you are going to go bankrupt; so I figured we better start on the 40 as soon as possible." He credits a Dutch bank with making his dream a reality, as he could not secure financing after



Wally Wiggins

scouring the region and applying to every local financial institution.

Within two years the Divi Beach Resort was showing a profit; Wally credits his Marketing Manager Jean Lynch with their success and his idea of recruiting the few hoteliers on Aruba, including Ike Cohen, who had opened the Manchebo while Divi was under construction, in pooling their financial resources to market Aruba, rather than competing to sell their individual resorts. This sowed the seeds for the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association, AHATA, of which Ike was the first President, and a public/private partnership of marketing which has long been the successful foundation for establishing Aruba as a popular vacation destination. "We just had to get the people to come here; there were so few places to stay at the time- we would do well, was my thinking."

Astute management under the legendary Roger Coster, another icon of Aruba's tourism industry, made the Divi Beach Resort one of the most popular and profitable on Aruba, resulting in enviable expansion, though the resort maintained that intimate "home away from home" feeling for its guests to this day.

Still to come: "Wally Wiggins and Divi-the Peak Years" stay tuned!

by Rosalie Klein



Aerial view of Divi Hotel



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The one-hour, comedic drama tells the story of a shallow wannabe model who dies in a sudden accident only to find her soul resurfacing in the body of a brilliant, plus-size and recently deceased attorney, Jane. Produced by Sony Pictures Television, "Drop Dead Diva" features breakout star Brooke Elliott ("Wicked," "Taboo"), Margaret Cho ("Ghost Whisperer," "Notorious C.H.O."), Jackson Hurst ("The Tree of Life"), Kate Levering ("Cashmere Mafia"), April Bowlby ("Two and a Half Men"), Josh Stamberg ("Lie to Me") and Ben Feldman ("The Perfect Man"). The third season of "Drop Dead Diva" will feature 13 new episodes.

In the first season of "Drop Dead Diva," beautiful-but-vapid model wannabe Deb (Brooke D'Orsay) suddenly finds herself in front of heaven's gatekeeper, Fred (Ben Feldman), following a fatal car crash. Outraged by her sudden demise, she attempts to persuade Fred to return her to her shallow existence but is accidentally relegated to the body of the re-

cently deceased Jane Bingum (Brooke Elliott). An intelligent, thoughtful and plus-size attorney with a loyal assistant, Teri (Margaret Cho), Jane has always lived in the shadow of her colleagues, whereas Deb has always relied on her external beauty. By a twist of fate and a bolt of divine intervention, Deb must come to terms with inhabiting Jane's curvier frame and learn to reconcile her beauty-queen ways with her brilliant new mind.

At the close of "Drop Dead Diva" second season, Jane is left speechless when following a car accident, Grayson recognizes her as Deb before falling into a coma. As she anxiously waits for him to wake, Jane finds herself struggling with her desire to reveal who she is, despite warnings from Fred.

The Season 3 opener will once again be a celebrity-packed celebration, as entertainer Paula Abdul reprises her role as Jane's (Elliott) voice of reason to give her some sage advice about her relationship with Grayson (Hurst). LeAnn Rimes also guest stars as the estranged soon-to-be ex-wife to a hard-partying celebrity who is on trial for a hit-and-run case that Jane takes on. Additionally, the premiere episode will guest star talk show host Wendy Williams and Mario Lopez.

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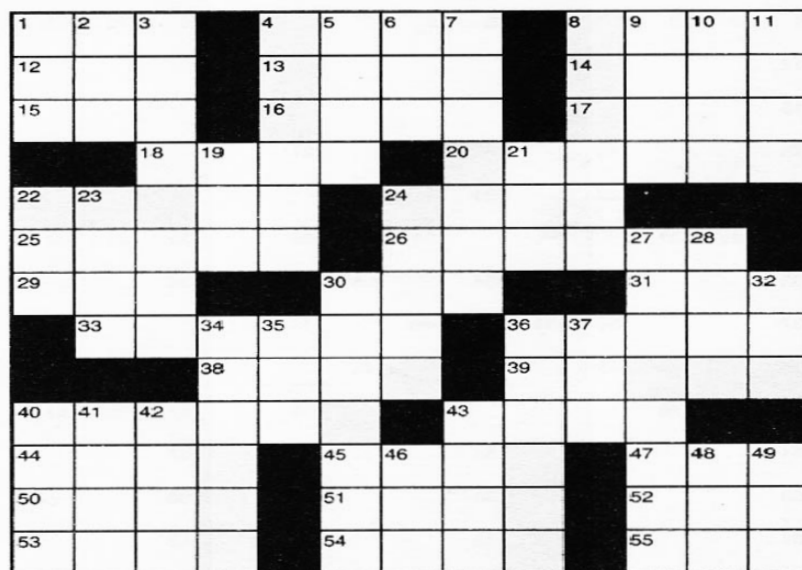
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26. Lets down
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30. Have supper
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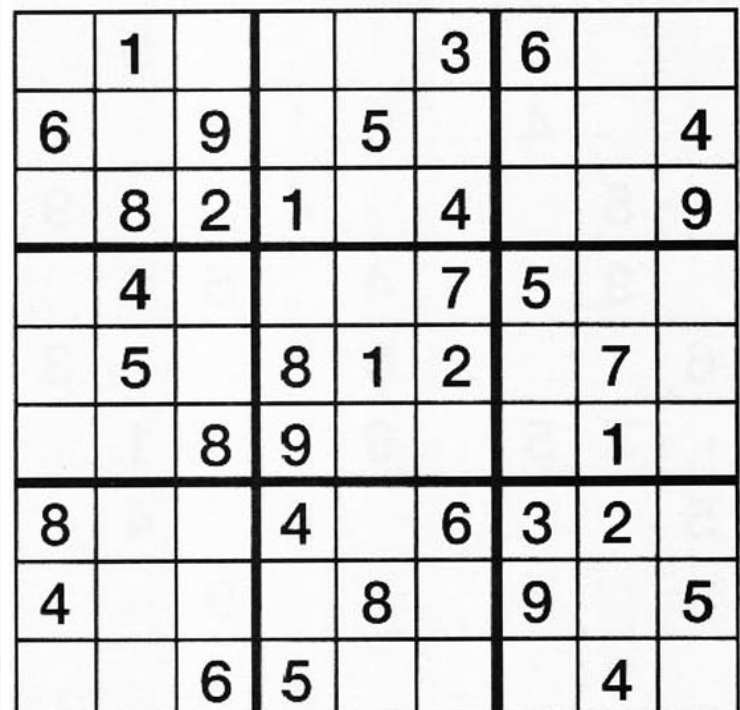
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## Finance

### Aruba Monetary Policy for the month of June 2011

ORANJESTAD -- During the meeting of its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of May 31, 2011, the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) concluded that the current reserve requirement rate of 11 percent and the advance rate percentage of 1 percent is adequate, based upon available economic data.

In its evaluation, The MPC took into consideration Aruba's net foreign assets position, which increased further in April 2011 (+2.6 percent), and continues on a stable path since the beginning of the year. Based on the current available information, the CBA expects this development to persist for the remainder of 2011, with positive projections in terms of foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows and tourism receipts, and the renewed activity in the oil sector.

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Net domestic assets on the other hand continued to be troubled by weak credit demand. Aggregate outstanding credit at the commercial banks contracted by 0.9 percent in comparison to December 2010, predominantly due to declines in consumer credit and business loans, which fell by, respectively, 2.1 percent and 1.8 percent. Other indicators included in MPC's assessment are the developments in inflation and liquidity in the banking sector, which all remained within a range that the CBA considers acceptable.

The CBA will continue to closely monitor the developments in the economic and monetary fundamentals. The next meeting of the MPC is scheduled for July 6, 2011.

### US stocks rise on hopes of Greek fix

NEW YORK (AFP) - US stocks rose Friday amid hopes that Europe was on its way to containing the Greek debt crisis and after the release of positive data on the US economy.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed 42.84 points (0.36 percent) to 12,004.36 in closing trade.

The broader S&P 500 index rose 3.86 points (0.30 percent) to 1,271.50, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite fell 7.22 points (0.28 percent) to 2,616.48.

Markets rallied in early trading after German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy urged swift action on a new Greek rescue package, but share prices came down later in the day.

"There is a little trepidation going into the weekend given the issues coming out of Greece and concerns that there may not be a near-term resolution," said Owen Fitzpatrick, head of US equities for Deutsche Bank.

## Global recovery at risk: IMF

SAO PAULO, Brazil; (AFP) - A fragile global economic recovery could falter unless Europe averts sovereign defaults, the United States gets its fiscal house in order and emerging economies prevent overheating, the IMF warned Friday.

"There are very clear risks to the recovery," the International Monetary Fund's research director, Olivier Blanchard, said in Sao Paulo as he presented the Fund's latest update to its the world economic outlook.

The IMF lowered its 2011 growth forecast a notch, projecting an annual rate of 4.3 percent, a tenth of a point lower than it had forecasted two months ago. Global inflation was forecast at 4.0 percent.

Blanchard said: "The global recovery continues, but the road to health is a long one and there is no time to relax."

"Greater-than-anticipated weakness in US activity and renewed financial volatility from concerns about the depth of fiscal challenges in the euro area periphery pose greater downside risks," it said, updating its April economic, financial and budgetary reports.

Blanchard was especially alarmed at the situation in the eurozone, where Greece was tottering on the precipice of sovereign default, causing jitters in other weaker economies in the region.

The IMF report stressed that the European Union has little time left to resolve sovereign debt problems, amid rising concerns among investors and the public.

Blanchard did not identify specific countries at risk, but appeared to be alluding to at least China and Brazil, both of which have seen inflation

spike in recent months.

Meanwhile in the United States, growth has "disappointed" since the beginning of the year, the IMF said.

The world's biggest economy was projected to expand by 2.5 percent this year, down from the 2.8 percent estimate in April and 3.0 percent in January.

The US slowdown was "in part due to transitory factors -- including higher commodity prices, bad weather, and supply chain disruptions from the Japanese earthquake on US manufacturing," the IMF explained.

For Japan, "we now predict negative growth for 2011... While US and Japanese growth was less than previously expected, the 17-nation eurozone result surprised, mainly thanks to "more upbeat investment in Germany and France."

### Britain plans to hike public sector retirement age to 66

LONDON, England (AFP) - The British government Friday unveiled plans to raise the retirement age for most public sector workers by six years to 66 and make them pay more towards their pensions, provoking fury from trade unions.

Chief Secretary to the Treasury Danny Alexander, a senior minister in the finance ministry, warned state workers that it would be a "colossal mistake" to spurn the government's pensions deal.

"Our offer is by far the best that is likely to be on the table for years to come," he said in a

speech in London.

Alexander added that it was "unjustifiable to ask the taxpayer to work longer and pay more so that public sector workers can retire earlier and receive more themselves."

The issue is one of the main factors behind a planned strike

by teachers and civil servants on June 30 which is expected to start a wave of industrial action.

Friday's proposals sparked fresh tension between the public sector and the government, threatening to derail sensitive negotiations on pensions between officials and unions.

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## The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Inno-cencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals



Keshi Yena with plantains & vegetables

## Buster's Garage in South Beach Center: One place for the whole family

Buster's Garage, a New York City landmark, made its way to Aruba about a year ago, and found a new home at the South Beach Center across from the Radisson Resort. Dedicated to the sports fanatic, the spacious but homey interior is the perfect place to keep up with your favorite team and have a great meal.

Fun for all the family, Buster's has typical sport bar fare such as chicken wings, quesadillas, calamari rings for munching while watching the main event on 24 giant plasma screens. Every seat is good seat for catching all the action. Open from noon for lunch or dinner, it has plenty of distractions for the younger crowd, including foosball, and a video arcade, so Mom and Dad can relax and enjoy their meal.

The moderately priced menu includes all your favorite finger foods and a great selection of local and imported beers. Customer reviews gave Buster's Garage 4.5 stars out of 5 on yellowpages-aruba.com; one declared "my wife and I happened to stumble upon it -but what a find!" Another stated "Owner Rusty is so down to earth. The food was very good and the prices were outstanding for the High-Rise area. Aruba needed a place like this."

Buster's regularly organizes special events with live music. At 10 p.m. it turns into a cozy adult hangout; 18 years and over only allowed, with a DJ on duty nightly and boasting the only beerpong table on Aruba. Aside from a great place to root for the home team or your favorites during playoffs and championships, they regularly carry all UFC fights & WWE events.

Buster's is a great place where island visitors and residents mix and mingle; Monday to Thursday they close at 2:00 a.m., weekends at 4:00 a.m.





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## On The Road to Wimbledon: Nadal, Wozniacki head Wimbledon seeds



**2010 Wimbledon Winners: Rafael Nadal of Spain defeated Tomas Berdych of Czech to lift the Men's trophy.**  
File Photo



**2010 Wimbledon Winners: Serena Williams of USA defeated Russian Vera Zvonareva to win women's title.**  
File Photo

LONDON, England (AFP) – Defending champion Rafael Nadal and women's world number one Caroline Wozniacki were named top seeds for next week's Wimbledon Championships here yesterday.

Tournament officials mirrored the current world rankings for their top five seeds in the men's and women's singles, with Nadal ahead of Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer, Andy Murray and Sweden's Robin Soderling.

In the women's draw Wozniacki heads the list from world number three Vera Zvonareva, newly crowned

French Open champion Li Na from China and Victoria Azarenka from Belarus.

The seeding list was altered Wednesday following the withdrawal of Belgian world number two Kim Clijsters, who had initially been seeded two. Clijsters pulled out after suffering a recurrence of an old ankle injury on Tuesday.

Defending women's champion Serena Williams, who made her comeback at Eastbourne this week after almost a year out of tennis, has been seeded seventh.

Williams is bidding to clinch a hat-trick of Wimbledon crowns after a hellish 12 months beset by serious health problems and a foot injury.

### Men's seedings

1. Rafael Nadal, 2. Novak Djokovic, 3. Roger Federer, 4. Andy Murray, 5. Robin Soderling, 6. Tomas Berdych, 7. David Ferrer, 8. Andy Roddick, 9. Gael Monfils, 10. Mardy Fish, 11. Jurgen Melzer, 12. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, 13. Viktor Troicki, 14. Stanislas Wawrinka, 15. Gilles Simon, 16. Nicolas Almagro, 17. Richard Gasquet, 18. Mikhail Youzhny, 19. Michael Llodra, 20. Florian Mayer, 21. Fernando Verdasco, 22. Alexandr

Dolgoplov, 23. Janko Tipsarevic, 24. Juan Martin Del Potro, 25. Juan Ignacio Chela, 26. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, 27. Marin Cilic, 28. David Nalbandian, 29. Nikolay Davydenko, 30. Thomaz Bellucci, 31. Milos Raonic, 32. Marcos Baghdatis

### Women's seedings

1. Caroline Wozniacki, 2. Vera Zvonareva, 3. Li Na, 4. Victoria Azarenka, 5. Maria Sharapova, 6. Francesca Schiavone, 7. Serena Williams, 8. Petra Kvitova, 9. Marion Bartoli, 10. Samantha Stosur, 11. Andrea Petkovic, 12. Svetlana Kuznetsova, 13. Agnieszka Radwanska, 14. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, 15. Jelena Jankovic, 16. Julia Goerges, 17. Kaia Kanepi, 18. Ana Ivanovic, 19. Yanina Wickmayer, 20. Peng Shuai, 21. Flavia Pennetta, 22. Shahar Peer, 23. Venus Williams, 24. Dominika Cibulkova, 25. Daniela Hantuchova, 26. Maria Kirilenko, 27. Jarmila Gajdosova, 28. Ekaterina Makarova, 29. Roberta Vinci, 30. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, 31. Lucie Safarova, 32. Tsvetana Pironkova

## Trial to determine Dodgers' ownership

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – Frank and Jamie McCourt agreed Friday to have a one-day trial to determine if title to the Los Angeles Dodgers is in Frank McCourt's name or should be considered community property in their divorce.

If the Major League Baseball team is deemed community property -- which is divided in the case of divorce -- it would be sold.

The agreement anticipates Major League Baseball's approval of a 17-year television contract between the Dodgers and Fox, Frank McCourt said outside court.

That deal has been reported to be worth \$3 billion, and Frank McCourt would receive \$385 million upfront.

If the Dodger assets are deemed to be Frank McCourt's, he would give his ex-wife \$100 million.

The trial has been set for August 4.



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## NHL Wild introduce Yeo as coach



ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AFP) – The Minnesota Wild Friday introduced Mike Yeo as their new coach, promoting him to lead the NHL franchise after his season at the helm of their minor league team. Yeo, 37, spent one season as coach of the Wild's top minor league affiliate in Houston, where he impressed Wild executives with his leadership and success. The Houston Aeros advanced to the American Hockey League finals. Yeo never played in the NHL, but said coaching in the league has been his goal since he was a teenager. Wild general manager Chuck Fletcher spent more than two months on the search process and said Yeo emerged as the man for the job. Yeo takes over from Todd Richards who was sacked in April shortly after the end of the regular season.

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## US faces red-hot Jamaica in Gold Cup

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The United States will take on red-hot Jamaica in Sunday's quarter-final match of the CONCACAF Gold Cup, the most important contest for the US since the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

The Americans have won three of the last five titles in the biennial championship for North America, Central

America and the Caribbean.

The US-Jamaica match is one of four quarter-finals on the weekend. On Saturday, Costa Rica will battle Honduras and defending champion Mexico will square off against Guatemala at the New Meadowlands Stadium in New York.

The United States and Jamaica are first up at JFK Stadium in Washington followed by Panama and El Salvador.

The Americans were among the favourites heading into the Gold Cup along with Mexico.

After beating Canada 2-0 in their opening match, the United States was upset 2-1 by Panama. The Americans then edged Guadeloupe 1-0 on Tuesday to avoid getting knocked out.

It was the first time in the event's 21-year history that the Americans failed to win their group.

They will be going up against a skilled Jamaican squad that went 3-0 in the group stage.

With a win over Jamaica, the Americans would advance to the semis and face the winner of the Panama-El Salvador contest.

## McIlroy seizes command at US Open



water with his second shot at the 18th to deny himself even more history.

McIlroy finished 36 holes at Congressional Country Club on 11-under par 131, reaching the clubhouse with an eight-stroke edge on nearest rival Yang Yong-Eun of South Korea, who had yet to begin his second round.

"I have to keep it going over the next couple of days," McIlroy said. "I'm halfway there, but there is still a long way to go."

Magical McIlroy, seeking his first major title at age 22, holed out a spectacular eagle on the par-4 eighth, making a 113-yard wedge shot, and through 17 holes had a round for the ages.

The Northern Ireland prodigy broke the old record 36-hole total of 132 set in 2009 by American Ricky Barnes, but had he closed with a par he would have broken the major 36-hole record of 130 by Nick Faldo at the 1992 British Open.

## MLB Standings

### American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	41	27	.603	--
NY YANKEES	39	28	.582	1.5
TAMPA	36	33	.522	5.5
TORONTO	34	35	.493	7.5
BALTIMORE	31	35	.470	9.0

### Central

DETROIT	38	31	.551	--
CLEVELAND	36	31	.537	1.0
CHICAGO	33	37	.471	5.5
KANSAS	30	39	.435	8.0
MINNESOTA	28	39	.418	9.0

### West

TEXAS	36	34	.514	--
SEATTLE	35	34	.507	0.5
LA ANGELES	33	37	.471	3.0
OAKLAND	30	40	.429	6.0

### National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
PHILADELPHIA	44	26	.629	--
ATLANTA	39	31	.557	5.0
NY METS	34	35	.493	9.5
WASHINGTON	33	36	.478	10.5
FLORIDA	32	37	.464	11.5

### Central

MILWAUKEE	39	28	.576	--
ST. LOUIS	38	29	.567	0.5
CINCINNATI	37	33	.507	4.5
PITTSBURG	35	33	.484	6.0
CHICAGO	28	39	.391	12.0
HOUSTON	25	42	.364	14.0

### West

SAN FRANCISCO	39	30	.565	--
ARIZONA	38	32	.543	1.5
COLORADO	33	35	.485	5.5
LA DODGERS	31	39	.443	8.5
SAN DIEGO	30	40	.429	9.5

## Spaniard Rubio joins Timberwolves



MADRID (AFP) - Highly-rated Spanish guard Ricky Rubio will quit Barcelona and play for the Minnesota Timberwolves in the NBA next season, the Catalan club announced on Friday.

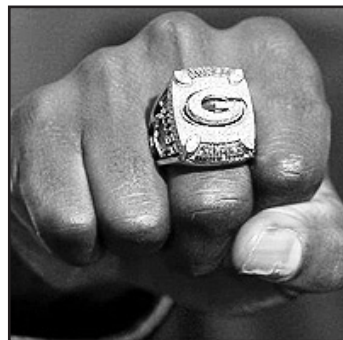
The highly touted 20-year-

old Spanish guard ended two years of speculation Friday, saying "I have finally decided to start the journey" to the NBA.

"It is my dream and I want to fulfill it," he said. "After thinking about it a lot, the time has arrived."

The Timberwolves chose Rubio with the No. 5 pick in the 2009 NBA draft. But his \$6 million buyout clause at his first Spanish pro team, Joventut — of which an NBA team could pay only \$500,000 under league rules — made him stay in Spain until it came down to a more manageable \$1.4 million.

## Packers receive Super Bowl bling



GREEN BAY, Wisconsin (AFP) - The Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers reunited to receive their championship rings after receiving special permission from the league to hold the ceremony.

The Packers captured their Super Bowl title four months ago but the National Football

League is now in the midst of a labour dispute.

The locked out players and team officials gathered on Lambeau Field to collect their rings after the club asked the league to allow them to go through with the ceremony. During the lockout, contact between players and management is generally prohibited.

The rings feature a Packers "G" logo with 13 diamonds to symbolize each of the team's titles. Packers chief executive Mark Murphy says players "wanted big and they wanted bling".

Green Bay defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers 31-25 to win their fourth Super Bowl on February 6 at Cowboys Stadium in Dallas, Texas.

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## Brawl lowers the tone at Ascot



Racegoers with fish and chips are pictured at Ascot race course (AFP)

ASCOT (AFP) - An unseemly punch-up at the Royal Ascot races triggered concerns Friday that the pinnacle of English high society was becoming over-run with vulgar "riff-raff".

With Queen Elizabeth II in attendance, an ugly brawl erupted at the prestigious racecourse Thursday, with drunk punters swinging fists, table legs and even £100 (\$160, 115-euro) bottles of champagne at each other.

On Ladies' Day, others looked on with horror -- and some with amusement -- as a gang of men in suits and ties did battle on the lawn by a Victorian bandstand.

Pictures of the shambles were splashed across several newspapers, many of which questioned whether the atmosphere of Ascot was being tarnished by "a less distinguished breed of racegoer".

Besides the bloodshed, celebrity vice girls, men covered in tattoos and women baring plenty of flesh were in evidence.

Royal Ascot even has a drugs honesty box this year, whereby racegoers can drop off heroin, crack and other illicit substances as they enter the racecourse to avoid falling foul of the no-drugs policy.

"For 300 years, it has been the highlight of the summer calendar for the well-off and well-connected," said the Daily Mail newspaper.

"But these days, it seems, the enclosures and stands of Royal Ascot are becoming increasingly popular with a much less distinguished breed of racegoer."

Veteran BBC racing commentator Peter O'Sullivan was quoted as saying the tattoos and bare flesh were "disrespectful -- not just to the queen, but to the horses."

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## Fighter fails to appear for deposition - lawyer

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - A lawyer for Filipino fighter Manny Pacquiao says rival Floyd Mayweather jnr failed to appear for a court-ordered deposition in Pacquiao's defamation suit against the American fighter.

Attorney Daniel Petrocelli said Mayweather didn't show

up on Friday to provide sworn testimony.

Mayweather's attorneys had argued that he needed to concentrate on training for his September 17 fight against Victor Ortiz.

Pacquiao sued Mayweather over statements from Mayweather and others in his

camp accusing Pacquiao of taking performance-enhancing drugs.

On May 31, Pacquiao settled his defamation lawsuit against Oscar de la Hoya and his Golden Boy promotions chief Richard Schaefer.

Under the terms of that settlement, de la Hoya and

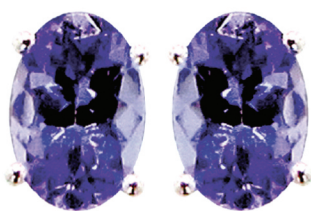
Schaefer issued a statement and apology to Pacquiao, saying they "never intended to claim that Manny Pacquiao has used or is using any performance enhancing drugs, and further state that we do not have any evidence whatsoever of such use."

Pacquiao has never tested

positive for performance-enhancing drugs, and in his original 2009 lawsuit he claimed that Mayweather, his father Floyd Snr and uncle Roger along with de la Hoya and Schaefer "conducted a campaign in a set of interviews to make people think he used them."

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